

With the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress now underway, Rep. Peter Welch will hold a series of events in Vermont next week to highlight legislative priorities he will pursue as a member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, the powerful committee with jurisdiction on federal energy, health care, and telecommunication policy.

Welch previously served on the Energy and Commerce Committee in the 111th Congress where he played a leadership role in passing health care reform, climate change, and energy efficiency legislation.

In a divided Washington, Welch will be working in the new Congress to break the gridlock by pursuing practical policies that have the potential for bipartisan support.

On Monday in Rutland, Welch will hold a press conference to announce energy efficiency priorities he will pursue on the Committee. [Welch recently launched a bipartisan caucus to build support in Congress for energy efficiency](#). The press conference will be held at the future site of the Green Mountain Power Innovation Center, which will also house NeighborWorks of Western Vermont H.E.A.T. Squad and Efficiency Vermont. The press conference will begin at 10 a.m.